



Ed's Comments

Happy New Year

In the January editon last year I was referring to snow and grit. This year as I write, the sun is shining and although cold it is a lovely day.

I would once again, on the readers behalf, thank all of the distributors of the Focal Point who unbelievably are still the same group that were delivering them when I started some 11 years ago.

Although there was a muttering from one of them about 'retiring'. I'm pleased to say it hasn't been carried out yet.

A lovely evening singing carols in All Saints was enjoyed by over 100 carollers. We were greeted by the sound of the church bells and led in the singing by the Collingham Benefice choir. We then enjoyed a glass of wine, a mince pie and warm exchanges with friends old and new.

A lovely start to 'Christmas week', congratulations to all who made it possible.

I enjoyed the WI report of their Christmas party where it goes along the lines of....' we had a **glass of wine** and then we had some food and **more wine**.....and then the singing started'.-- Sounds rather familiar to me!! Great stuff.

After all Robbie Burns himself wrote:-

*'And we'll tak a right guid-willie waught,
For auld lang syne'*

(And we will take of a good drink/toast- For old long ago)

*'Here's to a wonderful New Year
And a warm adieu to the old
Here's to happiness, good times, good cheer
And the many joys yet to unfold'.*



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the February issue is the 20th January.

Winthorpe-with-Langford Parish Council
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
on
Wednesday 22nd February 2012
at 7-30p.m.
in the Winthorpe Community Centre

For the purposes of receiving and discussing proposals and arrangements for the 'villages' celebrations to mark the Diamond Jubilee of H. M. the Queen in June 2012

All local residents from the villages of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme are very welcome

Steve Jackson (Chairman)

Community Centre - Garden Area

As I am sure you are all aware the bank from the Community Centre car park has had a great deal of work done on it, both when the Centre first opened and since then by volunteers who have looked after it and planted bulbs and wild flowers.

An area at the end of the bank nearest the car park entrance is used by some people, both young and old, as a short cut down the bank. This is eroding the bank, and if it continues will expose live electricity cables. The Trustees would like to use a legacy we have been left to enhance this area, tidy it up and plant some trees or shrubs but if it continues to be used as a shortcut, this will just be a waste of that legacy. I have been asked by the Trustees to write to Focal Point to ask anyone who uses this short cut **to stop and use the path provided.**

Please think before you use the shortcut and use the path instead!

Sue Jackson, Secretary

LUNCH CLUB

The Christmas Lunch was held on Monday, 12th December and seemed to go down well. We are extremely grateful to everyone who helps to put on the lunches throughout the year – particularly our chef Trevor who came to our rescue early in the year. Without him the Lunch Club would probably not have been able to continue – at least in its present form.

During the year the Community Centre has benefitted from the Lunch Club by over **£1,500**, a very useful contribution to the running costs.

As usual there will be no Lunch in January. The next Lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 6th February** at the Community Centre. The menu will be published in good time. Please remember the limit of 50 on the number coming and look out for the posters and Focal Point giving the details.

Peter Foden

TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday, 10th January, 10.30am.- Morning Coffee in the Village Hall.

Tuesday, 24th January, 2.30pm. - AGM in the Village Hall.

**We would like to wish Focal Point readers
a happy and healthy 2012.**

Jean Foden.



WINTHORPE LINE DANCERS

Happy New Year to everyone.

PLEASE NOTE we are changing our evenings in the Community Centre to **MONDAYS**, as from 9th JANUARY. Same time 7 - 8pm.

We have welcomed many new members recently, and continue to enjoy our weekly sessions.

During 2011 Line Dancers have donated **£761** to the Community Centre - thank you to all of you.

See you on 9th JANUARY.

Linda Richardson & Joan Lord

Yoga Class Great Success



Yoga started six weeks ago and I think is a great success. I did wonder if we would get enough but we have and everyone that has attended has had positive feedback.

Barbara our teacher is fantastic and adapts it all the time to everyone's needs and gives extra opportunities for those who wish to "stretch themselves" a tiny bit further all the time making sure we are safe and working to our own capabilities.

It is not about getting ourselves tied up in knots, just enjoying the gentle stretches and postures.

There is a big possibility that in January there will be two spare places. If you are interested in joining us then please give me a ring. Also should you wish to be a reserve (for when someone can't make it) give me a call.

Wishing you all a peaceful and great 2012

Joanna

01636 684907

WINTHORPE & DISTRICT WI - DECEMBER REPORT



Well here we are and another year has slipped by, Christmas Party time again. The committee ladies and their husbands were all busy getting the Community Centre ready in the afternoon, setting out chairs and tables and laying them with glasses and vases of holly ready for members who came in the evening laden with their offerings of finger buffet food. What a wonderful variety there was, the tables were groaning under the weight. This was just the first course! Afterwards there were sumptuous trifles and cakes and a cheese board.

Mrs Pat Nelson our President welcomed members to the party and also our entertainment, the group 'Cantares Mobile', a mixed choir with their accompanist.

Everyone was given a glass of wine and there were nibbles on the table. There was a raffle and members had all brought a wrapped present for the secret Santa. Then we were entertained for half an hour by the choir with a selection of songs. There was a break for food and more wine and then the choir sang for another half an hour with several solos, some of which were very funny.

Mrs Nelson thanked the choir and invited them to join in our feast, as they had declined previously because of having to sing.

The raffle was drawn and several members of the choir won prizes.

The secret Santa gifts were distributed and then we all sang Auld Lang Syne before making our merry way home.

A very good evening, enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting is on **January 12th**, when the speaker and demonstrator is Maureen Jeffries, and the subject is:-

Therapeutic Belly Dancing, the history and a demonstration.

Hostesses are Mesdames E.Pacey, D.Kitson and J.Hart.

See you all there!

A Good New Year to you all.

Daphne Marshall.

New directory gives carers seal of approval

People in Newark and Sherwood who need social care and support are being urged to use a new directory of reliable paid workers...

‘Support With Confidence’, which has been set up by Nottinghamshire County Council, is a web-based directory of potential employees who can help older and disabled people with things like:

- getting them out of bed, washed and dressed
- taking them out for trips e.g. the pub or theatre
- walking people’s dogs
- helping out with shopping, housework or the garden.

Everyone on the directory has received training and has been checked by the County Council.

People who receive a personal budget for their social care can then select who they want from the directory to provide a particular service. They will then interview that person and, if they are happy, offer them the job.

Councillor Kevin Rostance, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, said: “More and more people are now receiving personal budgets, which mean they can manage their own social care. This is fantastic and it gives people real choice and control over which services they have and who helps them.

‘Support With Confidence’ gives people the reassurance that these carers are reliable, so we would urge anyone who is thinking of hiring a personal assistant to use this scheme.”

To find out more about ‘Support With Confidence’ and to use the directory phone 08449 80 80 80 or visit:-

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/supportwithconfidence

Personal budgets are given to people who are eligible for long term social care support by the County Council. They have an assessment with a social care worker, where they decide how they wish to spend their money to best meet their needs.

For more information contact Julie Cuthbert, Nottinghamshire County Council, on 0115 977 3195 or email- julie.cuthbert@nottscc.gov.uk



DID YOU KNOW?

1. The parish church of All Saints has six bells. The heaviest is the Tenor and weighs 7cwts. The inscription on this bell reads 'GOD SAVE THE CHURCH.'
2. The Romans built a bridge over the River Trent between Winthorpe and Collingham. Don't go looking for that bridge or you'll drown. The remains were destroyed in 1884 to improve the navigation of the River Trent.
3. Winthorpe Lake was opened in February 1937 by the Hull Water Transport Co. for the extraction of sand and gravel.
4. The decorative brickwork design on Grange Cottage, Gainsborough Road is a Flemish Bond. This is a method of laying bricks so that alternate headers and stretchers appear on each course on the face of the wall.

A few gems from the village scrap books!!

Pat Finn



31st LAMMA Show-18th 19th January 2012

For those of you that don't already know, LAMMA stands for Lincolnshire Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers

Association and has grown to be the second largest show of its kind in Europe and attracts some 600+ exhibitors and 1000's of visitors annually from across the globe. It is run by a dedicated group of like minded people (The Directors) who are or have been involved in Agricultural Engineering in one form or another over the years and who put this single show together in January each year.

This not only creates local jobs, has massive economic benefits for the surrounding businesses in the area but puts Newark & Notts Showground firmly on the map for the County and the UK alike

With such a large show attracting so many visitors it isn't always possible to keep everyone happy but the directors would like to take this opportunity to inform you of just a few of the measures undertaken to hopefully continue to minimise the impact the show has on the transport network and surrounding local area.

- Parish, District and County Council liaison meetings including Nottinghamshire Police and the Highways Agency
- Local business and transport liaison meetings
- Press and media announcements
- Gates opening from 06:30 with reduced priced breakfasts to encourage earlier attendance and to try and avoid rush hour traffic with the show opening at 07:30.
- Contingency planning for traffic issues, severe weather or major incidents
- The appointment of a specialist Traffic Management company which is on site at all times. This includes the appropriate early advanced warning signs on all approaches at least 2 weeks prior to the show and traffic controlled signals on the A17.
- The appointment of a bespoke car parking company to assist and ensure that vehicles are parked as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Police and Highways Agency HATO Officers deployed on the A46 / A1133 roundabout and on the A17 at the junction of Drove Lane with roaming patrols on these roads and the A1.

- The use of the new A17 entrance
- Organised coach parties
- Drove Lane kept open both ways as normal
- Entry to the show still remains free, so why not come along and see it for yourselves?

Should you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact LAMMA at operations@lamma.co.uk or phone **01636 643946**

**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY ROAD
RESTRICTIONS IN FOR THE LAMMA SHOW 2012 AT
NEWARK SHOWGROUND**

Temporary 30 m.p.h. Speed Restriction:

Drove Lane, Coddington – from its junction with A46 Fosse Road, Winthorpe to its junction with A17 Lincoln Road, Winthorpe

Temporary Prohibition of Right Turn:

- (a) A17 Lincoln Road, Winthorpe **from** A17 (northbound) **into** Drove Lane
- (b) A17 Lincoln Road, Winthorpe, **from** A17 (southbound) **into** Drove Lane
- (c) Drove Lane, Coddington (north Eastbound) **from** Drove Lane **into** A17 Lincoln Road
- (d) Drove Lane, Coddington (south westbound) **from** Drove Lane **into** A17 Lincoln Road

Temporary One Way Order (vehicles to proceed in a southerly direction only)

Drove Lane, Coddington, from its junction with A17 Lincoln Road, Winthorpe for a distance of 800 metres in a northerly direction

Times & Dates: - As necessary between:

06:00 hours Wednesday 18th January 2012 until

20:00 hours Thursday 19th January 2012

Alternative Route:- As Signed on Site

If there are any comments with regard to this restriction please contact
Mrs P Laughton on **01623 520744**

**101 is now the number to call
when you want to contact Nottinghamshire Police –
when it's less urgent than 999.**

When should I call 101?

To report less urgent crime or disorder and for general police enquiries.

For example;

- if your car has been stolen;
- if your property has been damaged;
- when you suspect drug use or dealing;
- to report a minor traffic collision;
- to give the police information about crime in your area; or
- if you'd like to speak to your local police officer.

How does it work?

You can call 101 to contact Nottinghamshire Police. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information visit www.police.uk/101

What does it cost me to call?

Calls from landlines and mobile networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day or how long you are on the phone.

Can I call 101 if I'm deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired, or if English is not my first language?

Yes, If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can textphone 18001 101. If you have difficulty speaking English, your local police can access interpreters who can translate your call.

Remember in an emergency always call 999.

For example this is when you need an immediate response because a crime is in progress; someone suspected of a crime is nearby; when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

*Newark Police station 101 ext 8097616 or 8097770 for the Collingham
Contact Point voicemail.*

**Remember: Nottinghamshire Crimestoppers Call FREE on 0800 555 111
(Call anonymously with information about crime)**



Explore the Trent Vale by foot, bike, and boat or now - laptop

People living in the Trent Vale will be able to explore the natural and cultural heritage of the area from the comfort of their own homes following the launch of a new website.

The website, www.trentvale.co.uk, has been set up as part of the Trent Vale Landscape Partnership (TVLP), a Heritage Lottery Funded project which aims to conserve, enhance and celebrate the cultural identity of the Trent Vale between Newark and Gainsborough.

The new site will give a comprehensive guide to the Vale's history, wildlife and unique landscape as well as the diverse range of events and activities that are taking place. Visitors to the site will be able to find out about:

- Events and training courses taking place
- Guides to walks and cycle routes in the area
- The heritage of the Vale, its buildings and traditional skills
- The nature reserves and wildlife that can be found in the Vale
- The TVLP community grants scheme
- A photo gallery of some of Trent Vale's projects, events, people and places.

Users will also be encouraged to share their photos of the Trent Vale and submit details of their favourite heritage features as well as appropriate events that may be added to the listings.

Trent Vale project manager Virginia Green said; “This website will be a really useful tool to help people plan their explorations of the fantastic Trent Vale area. The site will be continually updated with new events, training courses, news and competitions and it will also be the place to find out about plans for the exciting Trent Vale Festival taking place throughout 2012. Whether it's on foot, bike, boat or now laptop the Trent Vale is just waiting to be discovered”.

Regards, **Christine**

Church Notices

It will be a sad Christmas for those who knew John Hewitt, formally of Branston Close, who passed away on Wednesday 14th December. Up until the last few years he was a regular member of the congregation at Winthorpe Church.

A message of condolence will be sent to Margaret on behalf of us all. Our thoughts are with her and her daughter.

We think of all the other people who are in distress at this time.

Christmas should be a happy time, in fact for many of you reading this we hope it will be; but we are taught to think of those less fortunate than ourselves and as we sing the carol “Good King Wenceslas” remember the words ‘When a poor man came in sight’ What happened ?

So we look forward with hope to 2012!

We are looking forward to the concert to be given by the Band of The Royal Air Force Regiment on **Friday 3rd February** 2012 who will assist us to celebrate the Accession of Her Majesty the Queen 60 years ago. The evening will conclude with the Loyal Toast.

Admission is by ticket only.

Tickets will be on sale from Ann Stone, Mr & Mrs Lloyd, John & Pat Nelson & at the Post Office price **£10** and the proceeds will be for “Help the Heroes Fund” (less expenses).

Once again we thank those who decorated the church for the Christmas services. As usual the church looked beautiful.

We are still awaiting an appointment of a new Priest for the eleven churches but we are very grateful to those in the village who support the church in these difficult times and we are extremely lucky to have the continued help of the retired priests.

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Church Bells

They will ring for practices on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 9.0pm and possibly for the following:-

Sunday January 8th 10.15am - Holy Communion

Sunday January 15th 10.15am - Morning Worship

Sunday January 29th 5.0 pm - East Trent Evensong

From the registers

Thursday December 22nd - Interment of Ashes of Dennis Burgin RIP

Ann Stone , PCC Secretary.

Up-To-date notices of our church services and those of the other services in the Benefice are displayed outside the church.

New Year smile.....

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old folk's home?"

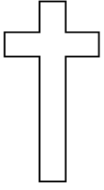
"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug.
Do you want a bed near the window?"

The Woodpecker might have to go!





SERVICES FOR JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Sunday 1st Christmas 1

NO SERVICE IN WINTHORPE

Friday 6th

7.30pm

Holy Communion for Epiphany – Langford.

Sunday 8th Epiphany 1

10.15am

Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

Sunday 15th Epiphany 2

10.15 am

Morning Worship, Winthorpe.

Thursday 19th

10am

Holy Communion, Winthorpe.
Said service (B.C.P)

Sunday 22nd Epiphany 3

NO 8am

SERVICE IN WINTHORPE

5pm

Evensong, Holme.

Sunday 29th Epiphany 4

5.pm

Evensong -East Trent Churches (Winthorpe)

ALL ARE WELCOME

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

January

20th Mrs Foden & Mrs Lloyd

February

23rd Mrs Finn & Mrs Nelson



JANUARY CALENDAR

Tuesday 3rd

Flowers Ladies – remove flowers

Monday 9th

Line Dancing 7pm – Community Centre
Green Bin

Tuesday 10th

Tuesday Club Coffee Morning 10.30am

V.H.

Thursday 12th

WI meeting 7.30pm – Village Hall

Monday 16th

Silver Bin

Wednesday 18th

Garden Club 7.30pm Community Centre

Wednesday 18/19th

Lamma Show – Showground

Monday 23rd

Library Van

Green Bin

Tuesday 24th

Tuesday Club AGM 2.30pm Village Hall

Monday 30th

Silver Bin

FEBRUARY

Friday 3rd

RAF Band Concert – All Saints

Monday 6th

Lunch Club

Wednesday 22nd

Public Meeting 7.30pm Community Centre

‘Village organisations and local bodies – if at any time you would like to get in touch with a village contact, why not try the village website.’

www.winthorpe.org.uk

